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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 EXPANDING ENTERPRISES, LLC,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CONTINENTAL WESTERN  
14 INSURANCE COMPANY,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-0484JLR

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

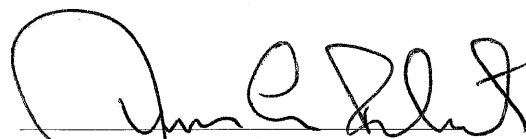
16 The court has reviewed Defendant Continental Western Insurance Company's  
17 ("Continental") notice of removal (Not. (Dkt. # 1)) and finds that Continental does not  
18 allege facts that demonstrate subject matter jurisdiction.

19 Continental asserts that the court's jurisdiction is based on diversity of citizenship.  
20 (*Id.* ¶ 4.) For purposes of assessing diversity, the court must consider the domicile of all  
21 members of a limited liability company. *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*,  
22 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006) ("[A]n LLC is a citizen of every state of which its

1 owners/members are citizens.”); *see also* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 101(e) (“In a  
2 case removed from state court . . . based on diversity, the notice of removal must also, to  
3 the extent possible, identify the citizenship of the parties, and, if any of the parties is a  
4 limited liability corporation (LLC), a limited liability partnership (LLP), or a partnership,  
5 identify the citizenship of the owners/partners/members of those entities to establish the  
6 court’s jurisdiction.”). Continental alleges that it is an Iowa domiciliary (Not. ¶ 3) and  
7 that Plaintiff Expanding Enterprises, LLC, is a “Washington limited liability company”  
8 (*id.* ¶ 4). However, Continental does not allege the domicile of Expanding Enterprises’s  
9 members. (*See generally id.*; *see also* Silk Decl. (Dkt. # 2) ¶ 6.) Accordingly, the court  
10 cannot conclude that it has subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

11 The court ORDERS Continental to SHOW CAUSE within ten (10) days of the  
12 entry of this order why the case should not be remanded for lack of subject matter  
13 jurisdiction. Continental’s response may not exceed three (3) pages. Expanding  
14 Enterprises may, but is not required to, file a response subject to the same deadline and  
15 page limit. If Continental fails to timely and adequately comply with this order, the court  
16 will remand the case to King County Superior Court.

17 Dated this <sup>th</sup>11 day of April, 2017.

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19 JAMES L. ROBERT  
20 United States District Judge  
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